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TITLE OF INVENTION: STATE ENGINE FOR DATA PROCESSOR				

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b) (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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	10/534,430	SPENCER, ANTHONY	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	YONG CHOE	2185	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Arguments/Remarks filed on 07/07/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 19-41 and 43-46.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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/Yong Choe/
Examiner, Art Unit 2185

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Applicant's arguments, see pages 10-13, filed 07/07/2010, with respect to claims 42-46 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Thus, the rejection under 35 USC 112, first paragraph to claims 42-46 has been withdrawn.

Authorization

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steve Dubois on 09/10/2010.

Claim Amendments

4. **Claims 19, 32, 35, 36, 38 and 42-45** of the application have been amended as follows:

Claim 19. (Currently Amended) A state engine receiving multiple requests from a parallel processor for a shared state, the state engine comprising:

at least one plurality of state elements means, said at least one plurality of state elements means adapted to operate, atomically, on said shared state in response to a request made by said parallel processor, wherein

said request includes at least a command directing said at least one plurality of state elements means on how to perform an operation on said shared state, said operation including reading, modifying, and writing back said shared state; and

a memory connected to said at least one plurality of state elements means and configured to store said shared state,

wherein said plurality of state elements include a plurality of local shared memories which provide a composite bandwidth that is a sum of all bandwidths associated with each one of said plurality of local shared memories.

Claim 32. (Currently Amended) A parallel processor including a state engine, said state engine receiving multiple requests from said parallel processor for a shared state, the state engine comprising:

at least one plurality of state elements means, said at least one plurality of state elements means adapted to operate, atomically, on said shared state in response to a request made by said parallel processor, wherein

said request includes at least a command directing said at least one plurality of state elements means on how to perform an operation on said shared state, said operation including reading, modifying, and writing back said shared state; and

a memory connected to said at least one plurality of state elements means and configured to store said shared state,

wherein said plurality of state elements include a plurality of local shared memories which provide a composite bandwidth that is a sum of all bandwidths associated with each one of said plurality of local shared memories.

Claim 35. (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising a parallel processor, said parallel processor including a state engine, said state engine receiving multiple requests from said parallel processor for a shared state, the state engine comprising:

at least one plurality of state elements means, said at least one plurality of state elements means adapted to operate, atomically, on said shared state in response to a request made by said parallel processor, wherein

said request includes at least a command directing said at least one plurality of state elements means on how to perform an operation on said shared state, said operation including reading, modifying, and writing back said shared state; and

a memory connected to said at least one plurality of state elements means and configured to store said shared state,

wherein said plurality of state elements include a plurality of local shared memories which provide a composite bandwidth that is a sum of all bandwidths associated with each one of said plurality of local shared memories.

Claim 36. (Currently Amended) A network processor comprising a parallel processor, said parallel processor including a state engine, said state engine receiving

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multiple requests from said parallel processor for a shared state, the state engine comprising:

at least one plurality of state elements means, said at least one plurality of state elements means adapted to operate, atomically, on said shared state in response to a request made by said parallel processor, wherein

said request includes at least a command directing said at least one plurality of state elements means on how to perform an operation on said shared state, said operation including reading, modifying, and writing back said shared state; and

a memory connected to said at least one plurality of state elements means and configured to store said shared state,

wherein said plurality of state elements include a plurality of local shared memories which provide a composite bandwidth that is a sum of all bandwidths associated with each one of said plurality of local shared memories.

Claim 38. (Currently Amended) A state engine receiving multiple requests from a parallel processor for a shared state, the state engine comprising:

means for operating, atomically, on said shared state in response to a request made by said parallel processor, wherein

said request includes at least a command directing said means for operating on how to perform an operation on said shared state, said operation including reading, modifying, and writing back said shared state;

a memory connected to said means for operating and configured to store said shared state; and

means to supply data to update said shared state.

wherein said state engine includes a plurality of state elements which comprise a plurality of local shared memories which provides a composite bandwidth that is a sum of all bandwidths associated with each one of said plurality of local shared memories.

Claim 42. (Cancelled)

Claim 43. (Currently Amended) A state engine as claimed in claim 1942, wherein state transactions are processed with said state engine and accesses to shared memory are passed on a system bus.

Claim 44. (Currently Amended) A state engine as claimed in claim 1942, wherein each of said plurality of state elements includes a single serialization access point resulting in a plurality of serialization access points within said state engine.

Claim 45. (Currently Amended) A state engine as claimed in claim 1942, wherein said plurality of state elements perform as a plurality of partitioned processing functions.

Reasons of Allowance

5. **Claims 19-41 and 43-46** are allowed.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Independent Claims 19, 32, 35, 36 and 38 identify the distinct features "*the request includes at least a command directing the at least one plurality of state elements means on how to perform an operation on the shared state, the operation including reading, modifying, and writing back the shared state; and a memory connected to the at least one plurality of state elements means and configured to store the shared state, wherein the plurality of state elements include a plurality of local shared memories which provide a composite bandwidth that is a sum of all bandwidths associated with each one of the plurality of local shared memories*", which are not taught or suggested by the prior art of records.

Claims 19-41 and 43-46 would be allowable over the prior art of record because the claimed features as mentioned above in combination with other claimed features are not recited or suggested by the prior art of records. The above features in conjunction with all other limitations of the dependent and independent **claims 19-41 and 43-46** are hereby allowed.

7. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later

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than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to **Yong Choe** at telephone number **571-270-1053** or email to **yong.choe@uspto.gov**. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00am to 5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Sanjiv Shah** can be reached on **571-272-4098**. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 whose telephone number is (571) 272-2100.

9. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PMR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-irect.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

/Yong Choe/
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